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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NEWS ROUNDUP- THURSDAY AUGUST 9.

(Q) WEDNESDAY MASS CIRCULATION AFTERNOON PAPERS FEATURE
AGNEW ALLEGATIONS AND WHITLAM PLAN TO BOOST NATIONAL
SHIPPING LINE BY INSISTING HALF AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS-
EXPORTS BE CARRIED IN AUSTRALIAN SHIPS.

THURSDAY HEADLINES FEATURE ASIO DIRECTOR BARBOUR BEFORE
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE; WHITLAM CONFLICT WITH LEE AND
HEATH IN OTTOWA, AND HIS CRITICISM OF MULTINATIONALS;
CHRYSLER OFFER OF SHARES TO AUSTRALINAS.

(2) SYDNEY MORNING HERALD REPORTS ASIO HEAD BARBOUR
SAYING STAFF CONSUED DURING " EXTRAORDINARY AND UNPRECEDENTED"
VISIT BY SENATOR MURPHY TO ASIO HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID ASIO'S
INTERNATIONAL STANDING APPARENTLY NOT HARMED AND WORKING
ARRANGEMENTS WITH MURPHY NOW COMPLETELY NORMAL.

(3) FINANCIAL REVIEW FRONTPAGED ROBERT HAUPT ARTICLE FROM
OTTAWA: "MULTINATIONAL MANIA. WHITLAM TORMENTED OVER
AIR, LAND AND SEA." HAUPT REFERS TO CONTINUED LEE
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ATTACK ON WHITLAM'S TRADE, TRANSPORT AND IMMIGRATION

POLICIES. LEE RIDICULED WHITLAM'S PROFESSED CONCERN ABOUT MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES.

FINANCIAL REVIEW EDIT REFERS TO "UNPERSUASIVE PROVINCIALISM OF CANBERRA RHETORIC ABOUT MILTINATIONALIS" AND SAID GOVERNMENT MUST DEVELOP ABILITY TO CONTROL FINANCIAL JUGGLING OF MULTINATIONALS, NOT WEEP ABOUT ITS PRESENT INABILITIES.

AGE EDIT HEADED "FINDING FACTS ABOUT DRAGONS" SAYS MULTINATIONALS ARE MARVELLOUS TARGETS BUT WHITLAM MUST PRODUCE A BALANCE SHEET DEMONSTRATING REAL EFFECTS, NOT HUNT FOR DRAGOSN.

DAILY TELEGRAPH EDIT HEADED -ALL WE ASK FOR IS A FAIR DEAL" SUMMARISED MULTINATIONAL ARGUMENTS SAYING "PROVIDED THAT AUSTRALIA CAN SHARE IN PROJECTS STARTED BY OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND THAT THE RIGHT ENCOURAGEMENT IS GIVEN TO MAKE THAT SHARE A LARGE ONE, FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS NOT EVIL."

(4) SYDNEY MORNING HEARLD HEADLINES "CHRYSLER OFFERS US A BIGGER SHARE." CHRYSLER MANAGING DIRECTOR MOORE QUOTED AS SAYING "I WOULD EXPECT THAT EVENTUALLY WE WILL HAVE ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF OUR ORDINARY SHARES OWNED BY AUSTRALIANS." OFFER EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

(5) CANBERRA TIMES DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT CRANSTON REPORTS "UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARE HOPING THAT AUSTRALIA WILL OFFER TO TAKE A LARGE SHARE OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIG U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS BASE AT NORTHWEST CAPE." U.S. WILL NOT AGREE TO JOINT CONTROL BUT WILL AGREE TO DUAL OPERATION, ACCORDING TO CRANSTON.

WEDNESDAY P.M. MELBOURNE HERALD CARRIES REPORT BY NOEL HAWKIN AFTER VISIT TO NORTHWEST CAPE HEADED "HOT: KEEP IT OR SCRAP IT, WE CAN'T CONTROL IT." HAWKIN ARGUES THAT CONCEPT OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPERVISING U.S. MESSAGES TRANSMITTED BY NORTHWEST CAPE STATION IS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE AND "MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL".

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(6) FINANCIAL REVIEW HAS INTERVIEW WITH AMB. EDWARD MARTIN OF OECD/DAC WHO AFTER TRIP TO PNG WARNS THAT BILLION DOLLAR PROJECTS LIKE PURARI HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR PNG AT THIS STAGE.
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